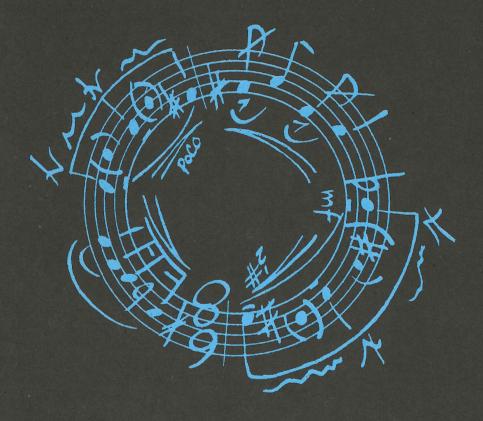
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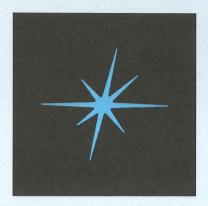


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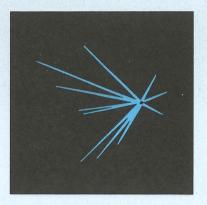
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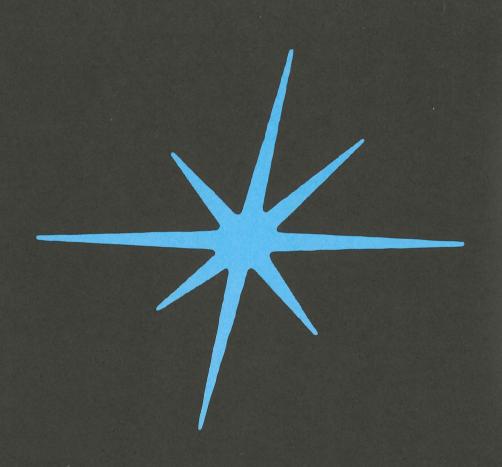
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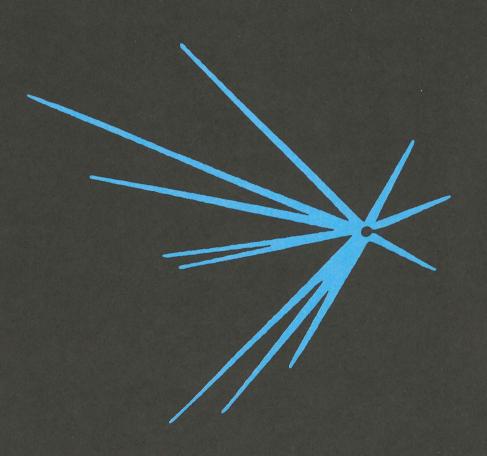
Alex Pauk conductor

Adès' voyage for orchestra, with groups of brass players dispersed throughout alcoves and balconies of the hall, and Ives' dream, with layered and colliding melodies emerging from and returning to Central Park's nocturnal calm, use and alter the sense of space in the hall. Frehner and Harman create moods and atmospheres alluding to real and imagined scenarios.

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The Shadows of Time

Alex Pauk conductor Teng Li viola Yuasa's music shapes time through a dramatic interplay between soloist and orchestra. Scime's stereophonic division of the orchestra moves sound around in great shimmering waves, while Schmidt musically chronicles where his mind, body and spirit have been as he has travelled and lived in different locations. Dutilleux, alluding to timeless images and distant events, affirms a unity of time and place.

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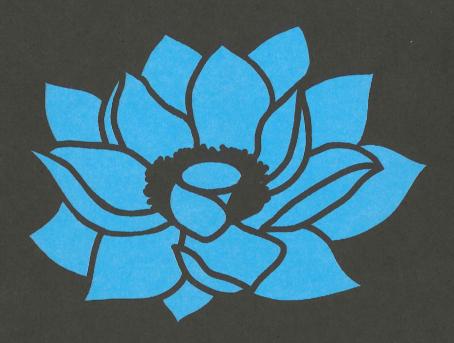
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Aitken's work reflects the balance of Yin and Yang in a commemoration of family members, friends and associates "who sleep before us". Cashian explores momentum. stasis, mechanisms and patterns inspired by new sculptures of Stephen Vince. while Andrevey's transcendent sonic poetry moves in prismatic micro-variations. **Bjarnason draws inspiration** from and pays tribute to New York School painters Mark Rothko and Jackson Pollock.

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Paradise

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The Chinese countryside and ethnic elements surface in Xiaogang Ye's musical images of paradise. Staniland, thinking Large Hadron Collider particle accelerator, smashes musical protons at the speed of light to enjoy the collisions and resulting fallouts. Good explores and extends the realm of spectral techniques, while Dalbavie immerses the listener in a spatial sensation of continuous transformation.

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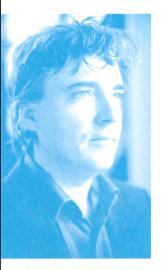
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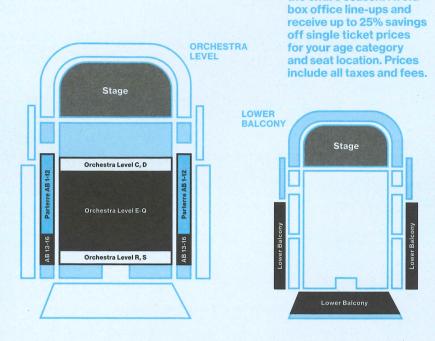
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